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GRAY TEACHES ENGLISH TO CHINESE AIR CADETS

Cpl. Gordon Gray, REA's semi-professional actor, editor, and all-around good guy has landed in a job at the Santa Ana Army Air Base that may be described as easy or hard, depending on the identity of the describer.

Gray is teaching English to a group of Chinese cadets taking the American training at the field.

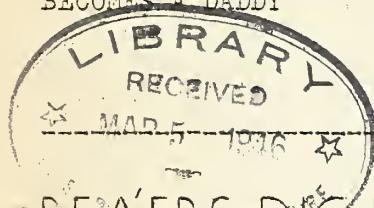
"There is no work anywhere more fascinating or interesting," he writes the Roll Call, "and nothing gives you more satisfaction than to hear these boys 'catch on' to our language."

Cpl. Gray will be remembered as the "Henry Aldrich" in the play "What a Life", presented at Washington three or four seasons ago by the Cross-Roads Theater. He also was editor of the REA Globe for several months, early in 1942.

SERGEANT HANRAHAN

BECOMES A DADDY

A son was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Frank M. Hanrahan at a New York hospital last November 29th, according to a V-Mail letter from him, post-marked Ireland. Says Frank (who hasn't seen his pride and joy yet) "It's the best Christmas present I've ever received." Sgt. Hanrahan was a Central Filer when he was with REA. Mrs. Hanrahan is staying with Frank's folks in New York.



REA'ERS DIG DEEP FOR FOURTH WAR LOAN

One week after the Fourth War Loan Drive opened, REA employees had rolled up an average of one \$100 bond each, according to an announcement yesterday from Chester Lake, chairman of the REA campaign.

The Third War Loan wound up in REA recently with the average per staff member pointing to \$150 maturity value. To hit that mark, many REAers sold their cars, some sold excess furniture and one person sold his house. (P. S. He's not destitute.)

With slightly more than two weeks yet to run, the Fourth Drive is destined to top all records previously set in REA. REA's quotas are high but REAers will meet them and exceed them, if past performance is any criterion.

EVEN ELEANOR'S VISIT COULDN'T CHEER BAZAK

"Even a visit from Eleanor Roosevelt here last week didn't make it seem like Washington," writes Lt. Henry Bazak from parts unknown, "but it certainly helped a lot."

Bazak has a plan to extend rural electrification all over the world. "From the way REAers are scattered around the globe, it might be a good idea to leave them where they are after the war and tell the gang to get to work wherever they are."

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NOTES FROM HERE & THERE

A V-Mail letter from T/5 Charles S. Lewis reads like a Fitzpatrick travelogue, and no wonder, because Charlie writes from deep in the heart of Australia. "The rainy season has not started yet," he says, "and we often see kangaroos and mallabies running through the woods. If you think you or any other human can run fast, you ought to see them go. . . The scenery is beautiful here, with mountains and eucalyptus trees all around us."

Mrs. Bob MacClinchie tells us of Bob's change in rank (see "Going Up") and adds that he is a member of a Sub-board of Inspection and Survey which conducts sea trials on new ships built at Tampa, where Bob is stationed. Mrs. McC. has been an REA wife since 1935, which fact puts her right into the charter-member class.

Y 2/C Arnold Hoag, Finance Division's representative on the U. SS S. Holland, says he ran into Charlie Miller recently (Y 1/C Charles L Miller, also of Finance). Charlie and Arnold spent some time talking about REA and they are both itching to end the hostilities so that they can get back.

There are now three REAers in the same Headquarters of the same Division of the same Command of the Army Air Forces, viz., the Headquarters Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Major Frederick F. Vreeland, formerly of Operations, is in charge of the Allocations Section of the Ferrying Division, and in his section, as head of the Orders and Records Unit, is 1st Lt. Louis C. Stephens, formerly of Legal and also of Operations.

All this dope comes from Major Kenneth Stiles, formerly Chief Statistician at REA, now C.O. of the 1st Detachment of the 16th Statistical Control Unit, attached to the Headquarters Ferrying Division. For which, many thanks.

GOING UP!

The following Roll Callers have recently been promoted. Here are their new titles. When you get YOUR boost, be sure to write the Roll Call, 661 Boatmens Bank Building, St. Louis 2; Mo., so we can tell the world about it.

Sgt. William P. Riley
Lt. Robert J. MacClinchie
T/3 Daniel J. Hammond
Capt. Andrew Tessman

Capt. Andrew J. Myers
Pfc. Frank L. Priest
Major Kenneth Stiles
Major Robert E. Larson

BRIEFS ~

Major Robert E. Larson is chief of the Personnel Division at the Black Hills Ordnance Depot, at Provo, S.D. . . . Lt. Lynn S. Ludlow, Patterson Field, Ohio, has had to make room for his new daughter, now five months old. Lynn regards the Roll Call as his link with REA. We never sausage compliments before. . . Pfc. Frank Priest is taking three courses at Ohio State. . . Latest REAers to get into uniform are Art Korpi and Bernard Loving, Army; and George Scherrer, Navy. George's brother is an Army Major. . . . T/Sgt. Earl Mart V-Mails that all is well in England. . . Paul Kennedy has been mustered out so that he can run his father's farm. . . Sgt. Bill Riley has received the India China Wing, a special citation from President Roosevelt. Bill's somewhere in India, doing administrative work. He works an average of twelve hours a day but still finds time to put in a few flying hours occasionally. . . Copies of Span are enclosed by courtesy of the REA Athletic Association. . . Allyn Walters has received Xmas greetings from Murdoch McLeod, former Info writer, now a Captain. Murdoch follows the Post-Office suggestion - - used V-Mail to send his holiday wishes.